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SUBJECT: IMPENDING GINZBURG TRIAL; MOOD AMONG DISSIDENTS

SUMMARY: DISSIDENT SOURCES SPECULATE THE GINZBURG TRIAL WILL BEGIN IN KALUGA ON JUNE 6. THEY FEAR REPRISALS AGAINST DISSIDENT SUPPORTERS AT THE GINZBURG TRIAL. A WELL-KNOWN SOVIET SCIENTIST REPORTEDLY INTENDS TO MAKE PUBLIC HIS SUPPORT FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT, BUT THE MOOD IN THE DISSIDENT COMMUNITY SEEMS INCREASINGLY BLEAK, AS THE REPRESSIVE MEASURES USED AGAINST THEM TAKE THEIR TOLL ON THE FAMILIES OF THE ACTIVISTS. END SUMMARY.

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1. GINZBURG TRIAL. DISSIDENT SOURCES ARE SPECULATING THAT THE GINZBURG TRIAL WILL BEGIN JUNE 6. THEY COME TO THIS CONCLUSION BASED ON RENEWED EFFORTS BY SOVIET EMPLOYERS TO SEND KNOWN DISSIDENT SYMPATHIZERS OUT OF MOSCOW ON "BUSINESS TRIPS" DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 6 TO 9. ANOTHER CITED INSTANCE OF OFFICIAL PREPARATION FOR A GINZBURG TRIAL IS THE REPORTED IMPENDING RE-ARREST OF

AN ORLOV AND GINZBURG SUPPORTER. THIS MAN HAD BEEN ARRESTED MAY 16 OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE WHERE ORLOV WAS TRIED AND GIVEN FIFTEEN DAYS IN JAIL. BECAUSE OF BAD HEALTH HE WAS RELEASED AFTER SERVING ONLY A FEW DAYS. NOW HE HAS BEEN "RECALLED" TO SERVE THE REST OF HIS FIFTEEN DAY SENTENCE, BETWEEN THE DATES OF JUNE 5 AND JUNE 10.

2. GINZBURG SUPPORTERS ARE CONCERNED THAT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS AND DIPLOMATS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO KALUGA, WHERE THEY ARE CERTAIN THE GINZBURG TRIAL WILL TAKE PLACE. THIS WILL BE VERY BAD, THEY SAY, BECAUSE THERE MAY BE REPRISALS AGAINST GINZBURG AND HIS SUPPORTERS FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF THOSE WHO ATTEMPTED TO ATTEND THE ORLOV TRIAL. WITHOUT WESTERN OBSERVERS PRESENT IN KALUGA, DISSIDENTS FEAR THE AUTHORITIES WILL RESORT TO EXTREME MEASURES TO DISCOURAGE GINZBURG SUPPORTERS AND TO PREVENT ACCURATE OR TIMELY INFORMATION FROM GETTING TO THE WEST.

3. WE ARE TOLD THAT CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE USSR SERGEY POLIKANOV INTENDS TO ANNOUNCE HIS INTENTION OF JOINING THE U.S.-BASED GINZBURG DEFENSE COMMITTEE. WE UNDERSTAND POLIKANOV HAS WRITTEN A LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN FASCELL TO THIS EFFECT, EXPLAINING HIS CONCERN FOR THE LACK OF

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OF JUSTICE IN THE ORLOV TRIAL AND HIS FEAR OVER THE OUTCOME OF THE GINZBURG AND SHCHARANSKIY TRIALS. IN HIS LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN FASCELL, POLIKANOV ALSO PLEADS FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM THE OUTSIDE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISM IN THE SOVIET UNION.

4. DISSIDENT SUPPORTERS OF ORLOV AND GINZBURG ARE ENCOURAGED ABOUT THIS NEW-FOUND SOURCE OF SUPPORT FROM WITHIN THE SOVIET SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY SINCE POLIKANOV IS A WELL-KNOWN PHYSICIST AND HOLDS A HIGH POSITION AT THE DUBNA RESEARCH CENTER.

5. ON THE DARKER SIDE, REPRESSIVE TACTICS OF THE AUTHORITIES ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE THEIR TOLL ON THE FAMILIES OF SOME KEY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS. THE ORLOV CONVICTION AND THE PODRABINEK ARREST BROUGHT HOME TO SEVERAL SPOUSES THE FACT THEY COULD VERY EASILY BE DEPRIVED OF THEIR HUSBANDS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME.

6. WHEN ASKED IF HIS WIFE BELIEVED IN WHAT HE WAS DOING AS A MEMBER OF THE PSYCHIATRIC WATCH COMMITTEE,

ONE SOURCE REPLIED THAT HIS WIFE STILL DID, BUT NOW SHE IS THINKING MORE AND MORE OF WHAT IT WOULD MEAN IN PRACTICAL TERMS TO HER AND THEIR YOUNG SON TO BE WITHOUT A HUSBAND/FATHER FOR TWELVE YEARS. WILL THIS KIND OF THINKING DISSUADE HIM FROM CONTINUING AS A HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST? OUR SOURCE SAID IT WOULD NOT. HE BELIEVES TOO STRONGLY IN WHAT HE IS DOING, AND HIS COURSE IS SET "NO MATTER WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES."

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BUT WHAT ABOUT OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE ON THE FRINGE OF DISSIDENT ACTIVISM, WILL THEY DECIDE THE RISKS ARE TOO GREAT AND THE PENALTIES TOO HARSH TO BECOME INVOLVED? OUR SOURCES SAID THEY COULD NOT ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, BUT THEIR OWN MOOD OF PESSIMISM SEEMS EXPRESSED IN THE BELIEF THAT FURTHER ARRESTS ARE IMMINENT AND THOSE, LIKE PODRABINEK, ALREADY ARRESTED WILL RECEIVE THE HARSHTEST POSSIBLE SENTENCES UNDER ARTICLE 70 AND NOT ARTICLE 190 (WHICH STIPULATES A MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT).  
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